

FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.
2023

Minutes

JUNE 14,

- CALL TO ORDER
 - a. Meeting Called to order at 7:03pm
- ROLL CALL
 - a. Members Absent: Joe VanDerZanden
 - b. Members Present: Tim Prince, Sue Lover, Maria Taylor, Bill Gessaman, Kevin Parkins, Chris Weber, Kevin Christiansen, Brent Bartman
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - a. Motion to approve by Bill G. supported by Maria T. - Unanimous approval
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. MEETING MINUTES, MAY 10, 2023
 - b. MEETING MINUTES, MAY 31, 2023
 - c. Motion to approve by Sue L. supported by Kevin P. - Unanimous approval
- NEW BUSINESS
 - a. FARMINGTON HILLS PRESENTATION BY CHARMAINE KETTLER-SCHMILT, FARMINGTON HILLS DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
 - Quick presentation covering Farmington Hills non-motorized transportation project
 - Non-motorized plan is new for Farmington hills.
 - Farmington Hills Master Plan including Non-Motorized Pathway through November 2023, and adoption in Spring 2024.
 - Farmington and Farmington Hills will continue to coordinate the planning efforts of each city. Kevin mentioned the long history of coordination between the cities.
 - Farmington Hills will share a link to the planning website on <https://fhgov.com>
 - Function is to contribute ideas for improvements to their master plan.
 - Bill mentioned coordinating efforts between cities around the border of the two.
 - Charmaine welcomed this idea.
 - Pathways will work to identify areas at the July and August meeting
 - b. RALPH C WILSON JR FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITY
 - Grant foundation with a focus on SE Michigan area (Oakland, Wayne, Macomb)
 - Chris suggested Pathways learn about this grant and see if we have an opportunity to submit an application.
 - Bill will call the grant coordinator to see if he can learn details about submitting.
 - Tim will read RCWilson grant application info.
 - Both will update in July.
 - c. PATHWAYS OBSTRUCTIONS
 - Tim Suggested we collect a list of 'obstructions' such as sidewalks with overgrown branches.

- Tim will keep the list and work with DPW to submit and manage the areas to be fixed. This method allows us to collect images and more details than the current 'contact us' form on DPW page of <https://farmgov.com>

1. Info needed: Location, images of obstruction

- OLD BUSINESS

- a. **AMERICAN LEGION** - Kevin will mention to the developer the Pathways suggestion of a walkable connection south to Sherwood street.
- b. **WHITTAKER SIDEWALKS** - Tim, Sue and Maria will knock on doors along Whittaker st. to gauge interest in potential sidewalk construction to support Safe Routes to Schools.
- c. **ONE PAGER UPDATE** - No updates this month.
- d. **9 MILE PATHWAY UPDATE** - Chris has a meeting on 6/16, will update in July. Sue and Tim went to the Southfield open house and contributed to the meeting.
- e. **SEMCOG BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY TAKE AWAYS AND NEXT STEPS** - Offer from SEMCOG to learn traffic modeling tools: Kevin P, Chris W, Sue L, and Maria will take training. Training to be scheduled soon. Discussed potential to 'double-up' grants for repairing McGee Hill bridge. Will clarify with SEMCOG when training is scheduled.
- f. **CROSSWALK AT CRAZY KRAB ON GRAND RIVER UPDATE** - OHM & MDOT planning to collect traffic and pedestrian counts to determine best placement of crosswalk. Timing unclear, Kevin will update in July.
- g. **MAXFIELD TRAINING CENTER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE** - Planning commission tentatively approved PUD, next step is present to City Council for Final approval. Target is to break ground for construction in Spring 2024.
- h. **COMPLETE STREETS AND CORRIDOR SAFETY PLANNING GRANT** - No updates

- OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- a. **ANY NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS?** - Maria asked how much for a rapid flashing beacon, could it be used at Starbucks (Warner Street/Grand River) crossing? Chris said around \$50k.
- b. **ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?** No new target areas.

- PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comment

- COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT-

- a. Continued discussion on reviewing grant application opportunities: "How can we work towards preparing an application?", "How can we learn more?"
 - Suggestion to create a database of potential grants, and learn from research of Ralph C Wilson grant. (see New Business above)
- b. Chris gave an update on installation of a high-speed fiber network that is coming in 2024.
 - Potential to install 'Smart poles' for info collection to help the city understand traffic (auto, pedestrian, non motorized) in the city plus software to review and interpret info. Not clear on the price, but expected to be expensive.

- ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Maria, support Brent, unanimous approval. meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Next meeting: JULY 12, 2023